

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of the rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the remarks that follow.

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended to recite the list of Q functional groups set forth in paragraph 42 of the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Claims 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner objects to the terms “active esters” and “active carbonates.” In order to expedite allowance, Applicants have amended claims 2 and 4 to remove the terms objected to by the Examiner and to modify the list to conform to paragraph 42 of the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1-4 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory, obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of copending Application No. 10/684,692. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the copending application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

It is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for immediate allowance. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions in order to expedite examination of this case.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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